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Pardubice and Bechyne Airfields

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REMARKS

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1. Between March and October 1952, construction work continued on the E-W runway at the airfield southwest of Pardubice (O 51/M 79). In October 1952, when [redacted] observed the field, the runway had been extended to the east as far as the former Pardubice-Chrudim (O 50/M 78) railroad line. The railroad line had been extended to the east. The former course of the railroad line could still be observed. Several concrete mixers were seen at the construction site.¹ No aircraft or aircraft dispersal area were observed at the field. A hangar was in the northern section of the field. The personnel assigned to the field were quartered in the barracks installation along the road north of the field.²

2. Between 27 January and 21 March 1953, about 100 men of the 3rd, 4th and 6th companies of the PTF Unit in Decin (N 51/F 56), a PTF company from Ceske Budejovice (O 49/Q 96), about 150 men of an unidentified transport company equipped with about 60 trucks, and about 500 civilian laborers of the Posista Narodny Podnik Construction Firm in Prague (O 51/L 78-88) worked on the construction of an airfield 3 or 4 km southeast of Bechyne (O 50/Q 89). [redacted]

This construction used about 100 trucks which hauled cement, sand, gravel and concrete steel to the construction site. All the laborers were quartered in 24 low wooden buildings in the northern section of the field. The area of the field measured about 3 km from northwest to southeast and 1 to 1.5 km from northeast to southwest. A spur track was under construction from the northern section of the field to a railroad line north of Sudomerice (O 50/Q 99). Grading and drainage work was being done in March 1953. Excavation work for buildings and the course of the runway or taxiway were not observed. In about early March 1953, apparently a functionary of the communist party or the trade union admonished the workers to complete work on two runways up to late 1953.³

1. [redacted] Comment. The information on the eastern extension of the runway being completed to as far as the railroad line and on the extension of the railroad line is received for the first time.

2. [redacted] Comment. According to available information, Pardubice airfield is believed to be occupied by a navigation school (radar) and an aviation school.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The construction of a new airfield southeast of Bechyna is reported for the first time. For location of airfield, see annex 1.

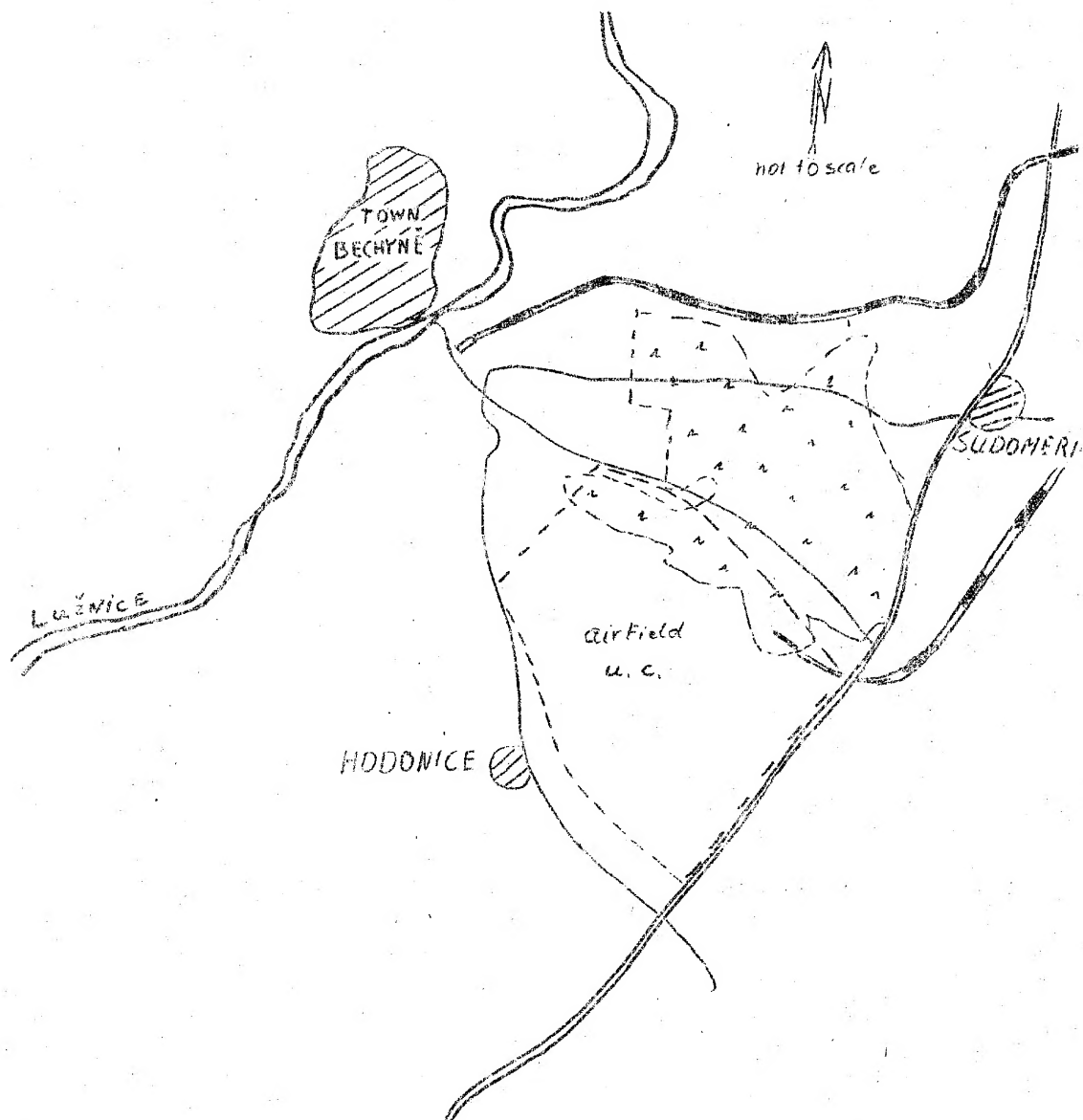
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